

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
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FROM CITY MANAGER STEVE MCKOWN

“We Want Your Junk” Weekend

Anything you can place on the street’s shoulder between 7:00 am on Saturday, March 24th and 7:00 am on Monday, March 26th, we will dispose of free of charge. So, please dispose of all tires, old bicycles and other toys, boxes, white goods (clothes dryers, water heaters, clothes washers, and stoves) and anything else that is junk or is cluttering up your home, yard, or carport. If we can move it, we’ll take it!

Please no hazardous waste, batteries, construction debris, or junk cars. And, please remember to place all regular litter and household garbage in your green can on your regularly scheduled day for pickup. Also, please separate all horticulture debris from the other items you place at your street’s shoulder.

After April 2nd, we will actively enforce our ordinance pertaining to unsightly outdoor storage of items. Therefore, please take advantage of the Clewiston Garbage Amnesty Day!

Annual Spring Cleaning

When: March 31, 2012
What Time: 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Where: Under the Chickee at the Clewiston Youth Center
On the corner of Royal Palm & Osceola Avenue
And: Hotdog Lunch at 11:30 a.m. for participants

Other Dates to Remember:

March 15, 2012 @ 5:30 p.m.	City Commission Workshop
March 17, 2012	Rotary Golf Tournament
March 18, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.	Spring Sports Opening Ceremonies
March 19, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.	City Commission Meeting
March 24, 2012	Hospital Foundation Fundraiser at the Hilliard Cabin
March 31, 2012	Presbyterian Nicaraguan Nurses Association Golf Tournament
April 13-14, 2012	26 th Annual Sugar Festival
April 30, 2012	Renaming of the HRMC Family Care Center in Memorial of Dr. James Forbes

Staff Reports

Community Development Director reports:

- Code Enforcement has opened fourteen (14) new cases for overgrowth and closed eight (8) cases. Two (2) mobile businesses found not to have a business license.
- Still concentrating on the overwhelming amount of illegally placed signs in the right-of-ways throughout the city – 48 removed last week and 17 so far this week.
- Plattner's has submitted their plans for the demolition of a section located on the south side of the building along with a new floor plan at 602 East Sugarland Hwy.
- Robinson's Pool & Patio is removing their canopy as part of the minimum property maintenance code violation so that they can gain compliance with the Special Magistrate order from January 2011.

Golf Course Director Pena reports:

- Twilight Thursday event had 13 players this past week. Vicky Middleton won the net best ball event in a scorecard playoff with 4 others shooting a net 29 for the 9 holes.
- The annual Clewiston Ladies Invitational sponsored by the Ladies Golf Assn. had 74 players from all around the Big Lake area. Rose Epling, Lois Alverson, Lynn Schaefer, and Karen Fuller shot a 67 in the 4 person scramble. Many visitors were very complimentary of course conditions and tournament operations.
- The 3rd annual Susan G. Komen golf tournament (Feb 25th) was very successful. The Ladies Golf Assn. reported a **net income** of over **\$16,000** for the fundraiser. (This money is not reflected in the City's books). Thanks to all members of the Clewiston Ladies Golf Assn., numerous volunteers, and sponsors in addition to the players who took part in the activities.
- Herbicide is being sprayed on tees and fairways to control post-emergent weeds. In addition, all crepe myrtles throughout the course and parking lot islands were trimmed for the spring.
- Crooked Hook had their bi-weekly golf outing this Thursday. The numbers are still growing for this group.
- The annual Rotary Club tournament benefitting the Campbell & Frances Nall Scholarship is Saturday, March 17th starting at 9:00 a.m. Signups are in the Pro Shop. The event is chaired by Andrew Couse of 1st Bank.
- The Moore Haven Terrier Boosters have booked their annual event for Sat., Apr 21st. Contact Mike Pressley or Glades Co. Sheriff Stuart Whiddon for more details.
- Don't forget to check out our calendar for other events and specials.

Library Director Tommerdahl reports:

- On Thursday, March 1, Ms. Maria visited Harvest Academy to present a Roaming Storytime. There were 12 children and 3 teachers present to hear our endlessly fascinating stories.
- On Tuesday, March 6, Ms. Maria visited Covenant Academy to present a Roaming Storytime. There were 17 students and 2 teachers present to enjoy intellectually stimulating stories.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- A motorist ran into the front of St Margaret's Catholic Church Sunday morning. No one was injured, though three pillars were damaged in the front of the building. Code Enforcement was contacted to review the integrity of the structure.
- March 10-17 will be the initial DUI enforcement effort for the spring. The weeklong event will seek to deter and educate the public about the dangers of driving under the influence.
- HR helped us set up interviews Wednesday morning for Dispatcher and Records Clerk. We will be reviewing applications for the three open Police Officer positions next week.
- Two criminal mischief complaints to vehicles came in on consecutive nights. Both were in the Southwest area of town. We are looking to see if any link can be established between the two.
- Saturday night an RV backed over a pedestrian at the Valero on West Sugarland. The victim was conscious when transported to HRMC.
- As usual during the dry season, Animal Control is beginning to encounter, foxes, raccoons, opossums, bats, rats, snakes, lizards, hogs, alligators and the occasional dog or cat. Adoption rates for the domestic animals is near 35%.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1103** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 488** Complaints Investigated
 - 33** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 91** Red Light Camera Violations Issued
 - 7** Criminal Arrests Made
 - 89** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 14** Alarms Responded To
 - 7** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Apparently a large piece of equipment hit the auditorium and damaged the entrance portico. Damages were minimal and will be repaired in-house.
- We continue to refurbish our street landscaping. With new planting on Central Ave. at Ventura and US27. We are planning to replant the buffer in the median on North Berner next.
- Please don't fret when you see my staff cutting the Crepe Myrtles so dramatically. It is the time of year when we are to do this to maintain the desired size and cause them to bloom heavy.
- We are power washing the bridge at the north end of Royal Palm Ave. this week and will be giving it a fresh coat of paint.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- All indications from Wednesday night's meeting at the Youth Center, is that the Clewiston AYSO and the River Jr. Soccer League are joining forces to share resources, equipment, volunteers, coaches, administrative duties and field usage. Combining the two organizations will offer "MORE" to the children and families of

Clewiston and the surrounding areas. The Clewiston Recreation Dept. is very excited to be a part of this new relationship and looks forward to all the positive opportunities this relationship will bring.

- Plans are being made for a “Community-Wide Easter Celebration”! The Clewiston Recreation Dept., ACFC (Active Citizens for Children), and the Clewiston Ministerial Association have joined together again and are planning a weekend full of events for our community! More information to follow.
- The “OPENING DAY CEREMONIES” of the 2012 Clewiston Recreation Baseball & Softball season will take place on Sunday March 18th @ 2:00 p.m. on field #3 at the small quad.
- CHS Lady Tiger Softball play host to Immokalee on Friday, March 9th at Sugarland Sports Complex on Field #8. The JV plays at 5:00 p.m. and the Varsity plays at 7:00 p.m. If you want to see some exciting action, come out and support the Lady Tigers! You WON’T be disappointed! Good Luck TIGERS!!
- We are currently exploring a couple of “new” recreational activities to offer in our dept., but I don’t want to “shoot” too soon because it may “foil” the surprise!
- Go to www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs...And don’t forget to friend us on Face book, type in “Clewiston Recreation” and say “Like”...We would appreciate it!

Utility Director McCarthy reports:

- The LED streetlights have been ordered and are scheduled for delivery at the beginning of April. In order to close out the grant, they have to be installed by the end of April which will keep our crews busy for a couple of weeks.
- We are happily expecting Kelmer Story back on light duty next week after being out for two months due to surgery. We have been very short for the last several months on employees due to various issues.
- Richard Harrelson, our newest groundman, is in Georgia this week getting his certification. This is a four day program that is Nationally Certified and is a partnership with the Electric Cities of Georgia and FMPA.
- Our site visits for the new financials and billing software have been delayed due to scheduling conflicts so we will not be making that recommendation until the April Commission meeting.